allotment of Rs. 420 under "35—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—B. Educational—Maintenance of Depressed Class Hostels". Owing to the heavy rise in the prices of articles, the contractor for the supply of provisions to the Harijan Hostel, Ernakulam, ceased to supply provisions from 18th November 1942 and the mess is being run by a committee of management formed from among the boarders themselves. In view of the rise in the prices of all commodities it is necessary to raise the monthly dietary charges of Rs. 6 per boarder to Rs. 9. There are including the Superintendent 24 boarders and the additional expenditure necessary on this account will come to about Rs. 72 per month. Matters have come to the same position in the Harijan Girls' Hostel, Trichur also. Additional expenditure is necessary there also. Thus an additional allotment of Rs. 420 has become necessary. I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

4. **Rs. 3,000 under "14 (1)—Telegraph charges"**
5. **Rs. 400 under "14 (1)—Postage charges"**
6. **Rs. 380 under "14 (1)—Livery and Clothing"**
7. **Rs. 370 under "14 (1)—Purchase and Repair of furniture"**

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, since item Nos. (4), (5), (6) and (7) in the Agenda pertain to 14 (1) General Administration, I may be permitted to move them together.

I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "14 (1) Telegraph Charges", Rs. 400 under "14 (1) Postage Charges", Rs. 380 under "14 (1) Liveries and Clothing" and Rs. 370 under "14 (1) Purchase and Repair of Furniture." Since the items are so evident no explanatory remarks are called for. I request the House may be pleased to grant the additional allotments.

Demand put and carried

8. **Rs. 386 under "1—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment"**

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 386 under "I—Land Revenue—Temporary Establishment". Renewal of the documents relating to the Sirkar Lands in the Palghat Taluk has been undertaken and the work could not be finished as anticipated. The period has therefore to be extended by two months more. The additional allotment asked for is to meet the establishment charges of that temporary establishment for two months. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was there not an idea to sell all the Jenmam lands in the Palghat Taluk?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Were any lands sold?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The proposal was dropped.

Demand put and carried

9. **Rs. 476 under "15—Finance and Accounts—Temporary Establishment"**

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 476 under "15 Finance and Accounts—Temporary Establishment." Government have recently ordered a verification of the stock of the Central Medical Stores at Ernakulam and a Special Staff of one stock taking officer, two auditors and a peon is required for a period of two months for this purpose. There is no provision for this in the current year's budget and no savings are also available for re-appropriation. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 476 is necessary. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Medical Office has been audited in the year 1117?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, we have audited the office in 1117. The account books only have been audited.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is not verification of the stock an item of audit?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the special reasons why this verification was ordered?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government thought that an occasional verification of the costly store was desirable and therefore they ordered a verification.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when the last verification was done?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* This was hitherto done by the medical officers. Government thought that an independent verification is desirable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the case of Government that they were not satisfied with the checking of the medical officers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no question of satisfaction. Government only thought that an independent verification would be a desirable thing.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are we to take it that there are no special reasons for this verification?

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Was this store audited in the past by any outside agency?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was no independent verification by any outside agency. It was being done by the medical officers in the past.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* What made Government to do this now?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government thought that it was desirable.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Hereafter once in three years, it will be done by an outside agency.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി : കൺട്രോളറാഫീസ്സ് ക്ലാക്ക ചെക്ക ചെയ്യുവാൻ മാത്രമല്ലേ ഉള്ളു.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* A separate staff is necessary.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : ലോക്കൽ ആഡിറ്റിൽ പെട്ടതല്ല ഇതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : അഡീഷണൽ ഫൺഡ്സ് കൂടാതെ ഇതു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കയിലേ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ : ഇല്ല.

Demand put and carried

10. Rs. 300 under "38—Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs."

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under "38 Miscellaneous—Refund of Lapsed R. T. Rs." The amount provided in the Budget for this purpose is only Rs. 200. This amount is found to be insufficient to meet the actual requirements of this year. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What do you mean by R. T. Rs.?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Remittance Transfer Receipts from treasury to treasury.

Demand put and carried

11. Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt"

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Commissioner of Excise):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 under "7 Excise—2—Manufacture of Salt." Our Government has started the manufacture of salt in the State to make it self-sufficient as far as possible in that respect. An officer has been got down from British service for this purpose. The scheme was prepared and work commenced only after the beginning of the year. Government had sanctioned a lump sum of Rs. 50,000 for the manufacture of salt this year. But on reference to the Special Officer, it is understood that only 15·33 acres could be prepared this year for the manufacture and the cost involved including pay of staff and cost of instruments will come to Rs. 21,000. There is provision in the Budget for Rs. 3,000. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 18,000 has become necessary. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Has any salt been already manufactured?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It is under the process of manufacture.

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